

**Testimony
Appropriations Committee
Richard Coover
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Dear Members of the Committee,

My name is Richard Coover and I am against the Governor's proposal to eliminate funding for the CADAP program.

I am against this position because as a person living with AIDS –the program saved my life in 1992 when I was without funds for medication I needed to live. As you may be aware these medications are very very expensive. People need this medication to help slow to the progression of this virus. Without this program (CADAP) I may not be standing here today. It truly was life saving and save my life.

I want this program kept in place and not be taken away from others trying to live. I have survived and want other Connecticut residents who meet the program to be able to have a chance as I have had to achieve the quality of life and chance to keep the illness at bay for as long as possible.

CADAP saves lives we want to have. Please allow us to live. Please don't cut CADAP!!!